

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1, 3-5, 11-12, and 14-19.

In the Office Action mailed on May 1, 2006, the Examiner allowed the subject matter of claims 1, 3-5, and 14-19.

The Examiner further stated that claims 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant had amended claim 11 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 6, 9, and 10.

Applicant noted in the Response dated July 13, 2006, that claim 12, as previously presented, was already in an independent form. Claim 12 included limitations which distinguished the claimed invention from the cited prior art, as stated on page 7, stating 6th last line in the Office Action mailed on May 1, 2006.

Therefore, all status identifiers for the claims in the Response dated July 13, 2006 appear to be correct.

In view of the above comments, and having dealt with all of the matters raised by the Examiner, early and favourable consideration of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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